

BANK FOREIGN EXCHANGE SETTLEMENT

In the last several months, some of the world's largest banks –which do business with the County of Los Angeles – were in the news related to allegations of impropriety in their business practices. Specifically, five global banks agreed to pay more than \$5 billion in combined penalties and plead guilty to criminal charges related to the manipulation of foreign exchange prices. In the public's eye, these practices question each bank's commitment to conducting its business fairly and ethically, and putting its customers first.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Treasurer and Tax Collector to submit a report within 30 days that addresses the following:

- Identification of those banks named in the foreign exchange settlement that do business with the County;
- The County's exposure, if any, to the foreign exchange matter and associated recoveries;
- The ethical standards and other business protocols that the banks found the staff charged in this scheme were found to have violated, and the mechanisms through which the banks have enhanced monitoring of business transactions to prevent a re-occurrence; and
- The steps that the Treasurer and Tax Collector has taken to monitor the business activities of the County's banking partners, mitigate associated risks, and hold them accountable to a business standard that should put customers first.

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